

OLD TOPEKA WATER UTILITY & STREET DEPARTMENT

Topeka, LaGrange County, IN
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Site Location and Description

This site is located at the south end of downtown Topeka. The address is 323 South Main Street.

Zip Code: 46571

Site Uses and Past Activities

The site is currently not in use. The only on-site building was built for the water department in 1916. The water department used this site from 1916 to 1978, the fire department from 1978 to 1980, and the street department from 1980 to 1996. The street department stored vehicles in the building and stored sand and asphalt on-site.

Contaminants and Impacts

The Phase II environmental assessment report submitted to the State indicated that soil and groundwater sample results were below IDEM's residential cleanup standards.

Lead Agency

IDEM in conjunction with the Indiana Development Finance Authority

Community Concerns

The Town and its residents are in favor of brownfields redevelopment in Topeka. The Town believe that the three brownfield sites are hindering industrial and/or residential development.

Actions Taken

The Town of Topeka was awarded an Indiana Brownfields Site Assessment Grant by the Indiana Development Finance Authority in January 1998. The awarded funding was to be used for environmental assessments of three brownfield sites in the Town of Topeka (see also Grain Elevator and Agricultural Facility sites). Once the environmental issues are identified and resolved, reuse of these sites should contribute to the overall well being of the Town of Topeka.

Current Status



Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Land Quality

IDEM received and is reviewing the assessment reports generated from the Phase I and Phase II investigation of the Old Topeka Water Utility & Street Department site.

Future Actions

IDEM staff will review the assessment documents submitted to the State to ensure environmental objectives are met and discuss future steps as necessary to facilitate the Town of Topeka's redevelopment efforts.

Cost Estimates

Amount of grant awarded: \$23,850 (to be divided among the three brownfields sites in the Town of Topeka).

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